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Double Patenting Rejection

In the March 10, 2000 Final Office Action, claims 22-28 are rejected to under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of US Patent No. 5,944,804 of the Applicants in view of Petersen, US Patent No. 5,307,459. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) be entered to overcome the instant rejection.

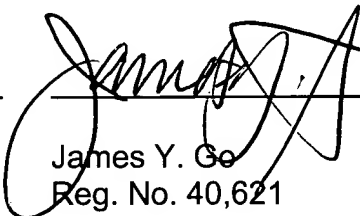
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